

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2007**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Meisner** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Knollenberg, Meltzer (11/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Accavitti, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Huizenga, Stakoe, Rick Jones (8/19)

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on July 24, 2007. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5046** before the committee.

HB 5046	Meisner	Businesses; other; restroom access rights for individuals with certain medical conditions; establish.
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**Chair Meisner** explained the intent of the bill.

**Dr. Ellen Zimmermann**, representing the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Vice-Chair Robert Jones** assumed the chair, the time being **11:00 a.m.**

**Jill Sklar**, representing herself, testified in support of the bill and answered questions. **Chair Meisner** joined Ms. Sklar at the testimony table.

**Chair Meisner** resumed the chair, the time being **11:22 a.m.**

**Carol Roberts**, representing herself, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Christopher Jeffers**, representing himself, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions. Mr. Jeffers also submitted written testimony.

**Blake Moon**, representing herself, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Amanda Fisher**, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions. Ms. Fisher also submitted written testimony.

**Eric Rule**, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Julielyn Gibbons**, representing United Ostomy Associations of America, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Bernard Riker**, representing the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, testified in **support** of the bill. Mr. Riker also submitted written material.

**LaVonne Jeffers**, representing herself, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Jeannine Benedict**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, submitted a testimony card indicating that the department did not have a position on the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Wendy Block**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a memo in **opposition** to the bill.

**Chair Meisner** announced that it was his intention to bring the bill before the committee for a vote when the committee meets next week.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, the **Chair** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Huizenga, Stakoe,** and **Rick Jones**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair Meisner** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:27 p.m.**

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**Representative Andy Meisner, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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